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PREFACE.

I Was in hopes, that the full Account which I had printed in several of the Publick Papers, of the whole Conversation that passed during the Time of my being at Tayler's in the Tower, Octob: the 20th, in Company with him, Mr. Mannowry, Mr. Minet, and the two Mr. Pomfretts, to the Truth of which I declared, that I was ready, whenever call'd upon, to make Oath; would, together with the Testimonies of the Gentlemen who have appeared in my Vindication, have made my Adversaries take so much Shame to themselves, as would at least, (tho' they might not think it safe publickly to retract their first Calumnies) have prevented them from forging any new ones. But the Treatment I have since met with, has convinc'd me of my Mistake, and plainly manifested to me,

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that Persons who have once been tempted to do an ill Thing, (with how much soever conscious Guilt they may inwardly reproach themselves) have too often Recourse to the desperate Resolution of defending themselves in it, by going still deeper in Iniquity.

Not contented with venting their Scandal against me through the Canal of the publick News Papers, apprehensive, no doubt, that their Depositions might not appear with altogether so much Advantage to their Cause as they could wish for, when in Company with the contrary ones on my Side, my Antagonists have judg'd it convenient, to print their own singly on small slips of Paper, and maliciously and industriously dispersed them in every Part of the Town; dropping them in the Streets, leaving them on Bulks, and on Tables in Publick Houses, thrusting them in the Night-Time under Doors, &c. in order to make their Aspersions as diffusive and prejudicial to me as possible, in Places which they thought were least likely to meet with my Contradiction of them: A Method so mean and abominable, that I
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make no Doubt, but that even the Party they are endeavouring to serve by it, notwithstanding they may not openly seem to disapprove it, must secretly entertain the most despicable Opinion of those who are the Instruments in it.

Were I guilty of speaking the Words sworn upon me, (which I presume in the Judgment of all the impartial Part of Mankind, is sufficiently disprov'd,) if Obligations, (a Circumstance which I should be above mentioning in any Case less provoking than this) and a friendly Correspondence for many Years are allow'd to be any Ties upon a Person, even then, in what fair or defensible Light can Mr. Mannowry expect to appear by his late Conduct? But when he is consider'd, as wickedly and officiously inventing and publishing in every mean and hurtful Manner that the most inveterate Malice can contrive, without the least Provocation, the greatest heap of Falsities that ever came into the Mind of Man, in order to destroy the Character of his Friend and Benefactor, who but must either pity or abhor him as a most miserable Man? Who, but when he sees another's Reputation thus shamefully attempt-
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ed to be torn in Pieces, and thrown out as it were, by an Halloo to the Ill-will of his Fellow-Subjects, but must look upon the Person who is guilty of this Barbarity, as his own Enemy, and as one, whose Crime, if he pretended to defend or palliate it, he was a Partner in? Shall any one who can be the Abettor of such a Person, have the least Pretence to complain of ill Usage, or the least Title to the Compassion of Mankind, if ever it should happen to be his own Fate to meet with the same Injuries which I have done, from one, of equally dishonest Principles with my Accuser?

*I am not to learn, that it has been insinuated by my Adversaries, amongst those, who they imagined would not come readily into a Belief of all the Words sworn upon me in that Sense, to which they have endeavour'd to wrest them, that my being concern'd in Liquor might be the Occasion of my speaking them; and therefore think it incumbent on me to declare, That I am so much above acquiescing in so pitiful an Extenuation of the ill Conduct charg'd upon me, as to dare appeal to every Gentleman with whom I ever held any Conversation, whether he ever perceived me
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any wise addicted to Drinking, or at any Time overtaken by it. And as for any Suggestion, that I might through an Air of boasting a Trust from those in Power, or affecting an Intimacy with Sir JOHN EYLES, or any of the Gentlemen who were engaged with him, have spoke in the Manner my Enemies have sworn to have heard me, I will only ask any Person of common Understanding, whether it is possible to give the least Credit to the same, if he considers, that the Affair boasted of, which appears to be no more than confessing myself a mercenary Instrument to the Views and Interest of other Persons, was not at all to my Reputation. I must indisputably be as weak a Man in owning it, as a bad one in submitting to it. I have, I thank God, both a Spirit and Fortune, that set me as much above consenting to be employ'd in such an Affair upon any venal Consideration, as it is my Boast, that my Principles have ever made me esteem it my Duty, to give readily and voluntarily what little Assistance lay in my Power, to the Pretensions of those who, I was satisfied, had always shew
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the most sincere and hearty Affection to the present happy Establishment.

I shall content myself with this short Introduction to the following Collection which I have made of all the Advertisements that have been published relating to me; the Reason and Necessity of my giving which, I hope the Reader will be sufficiently convinced of, from the above Account which I have given of the contrary Conduct of my Adversaries. I have rank'd them in the same Order of Time which they were severally publish'd, and shall say no more here, but freely re-commend the unbiass'd Part of the World to a Perusal of them as they are thus put together.

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Relating to

THOMAS ROBE, Esq;

From the *Daily Journal*, Nov. 6.



JOHN MANNOWRY, of *Fenchurch-street, London*, Gent. maketh Oath, that on *Friday* the 20th Day of *October* last, as he came from the *Royal Exchange*, in Company with *Mr. Thomas Minet*, of *Towerstreet*-

Merchant, He, this Deponent, found at his House, waiting for him, one *Thomas Robe, Esq*, of *Clerkenwell*, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, who went along with this Deponent and the said *Mr. Minet* to a Friend's, in order to taste a Bottle of this Deponent's *Burgundy*, which he this Deponent carried along with him there. The said *Thomas Robe, Esq*; amongst other his Discourse, said, He was sent down to *Queenborough* before the late Election of Members of Parliament by some great Men, to offer the Pay-

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ment of the Debts of the said Place, which was upwards of two thousand Pounds, and had it in his, the said *Robe's* Power to bid as much for the Votes of the People of the said Corporation, as any other would give; but that *John Crowley*, Esq; having been there the Day before the said *Robe* came, he did not succeed. And this Deponent further maketh Oath, that the said Mr. Justice *Robe* also told him this Deponent, that not succeeding at *Queenborough*, he went with the same Commission to several other Places in the County of *Kent*. And further this Deponent maketh Oath, that the said Justice *Robe* also at the same Time and Place, told this Deponent and the rest of the Company then present, that he the said *Robe* was employ'd by Sir *John Eyles* for the dispersing Money, for the buying Votes, in most of the Publick Places, in the out skirts of the Town, at the late Election for Members of Parliament for the City of *London*, for the said Sir *John Eyles* and his List, and not to exceed above One Guinea, or two for each Vote; and that he the said *Robe* further declared to this Deponent, that there was a Sum of Money deposited in his Hands for that Purpose; and that he the said *Robe* further declar'd to this Deponent, that by such, his the said *Robe's* Management, he had made above an hundred Votes for the said Sir *John Eyles* and his List; and this Deponent further maketh Oath, That after hearing what the said *Robe* had declared to him as abovesaid, he this Deponent told the said *Robe* that he had been inform'd that a certain Man had declared upon the Hustings in *Guildhall*, that he had been offered five Guineas for his Vote, from some of Sir *John Eyles's* Friends, whereupon the said *Robe* told him this Deponent, That the said Person who had made the said Declaration upon the Hustings was a
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damn'd lying Rogue, for that the said *Robe* had offer'd him but four Guineas and an half, and he believed that if he the said *Robe* had offer'd the said Fellow half a Guinea more, he would have took it. and this Deponent further maketh Oath, That all the above Discourse and Declarations came freely and voluntarily from the said Justice *Robe* of his own Accord, and that the said *Robe* did further declare to him this Deponent, that for these and other Services, he the said *Robe* expected great Encouragement from the L——ds of the Tr——ry.

Jurat' quarto die Nov.

*Anno 1727, coram
me Fran. Child.*

JOHN MANNOWRY.

From the *Daily Journal*, Nov. 6.

JOHN TAYLER maketh Oath, That he this Deponent had an Entertainment at his House on *Friday* the 20th of *October* last, and that Mr. Justice *Robe* of *Clerkenwell*, (though not invited) was one of the Company. The said Deponent further saith, That among other Discourses in the said Company, that of the late Election of Members of Parliament for the City of *London* was brought upon the Carpet; when the said Deponent told the Company that he was very sure that Mr. Alderman *Parsons* and his Friends had not had Justice done them at the said Election, for if they had, they would have had the Majority: Whereupon this Deponent further saith, That he the said *Robe* declar'd, that he the said *Robe* himself had brought in above an hundred Pollers for Sir *John Eyles* and his List, by his Interest and Management. And being asked by this Deponent and the Company, How and by what Means he had ob-

tain'd so great an Interest? He the said *Robe* reply'd, That he had receiv'd a large Sum of Money from my Lord Mayor, or by his Direction, in order to go to the Fleet Prison, and other Places, to find out what Votes he could procure for my Lord Mayor's List; and did then own and acknowledge his offering and giving Money to those Persons who would poll as aforesaid; and that he had offer'd Two Guineas a Man in the Fleet Prison: Whereupon this Deponent asked the said *Robe*, Whether such Proceedings would not be deemed Bribery? Whereupon the said *Robe* reply'd, to excuse its being Bribery, that he put it, as a Present, into the Wives Hands.

Jurat' quarto die Nov.

*Anno 1727, coram
me Fran. Child.*

JOHN TAYLER.

From the *Daily Journal*, Nov. 7.

Lond. ff. **T**HOMAS ROBE, Esq; of the Parish of *St. James's, Clerkenwell*, in the County of *Middlesex*, maketh Oath, That on *Friday* the 20th Day of *October* last, he was in Company with *John Mannowry*, Mariner, *Thomas Pomfret* of *Crutched-Fryers*, *George Pomfret* of *Mark-Lane*, *Thomas Minet* of *Tower-Street*, *John Tayler* of the *Tower* of *London*, Victualler, at the House of the said *Tayler*, where some Discourse passed relating to the City Election; but he this Deponent is very positive he never mention'd, in the said Company, or in any other Place, that he was employ'd by *Sir John Eyles*, or any of his Friends, for the dispersing Money for the buying Votes in any Place or Places whatever, at the late Election for Members of Parliament for the City of *London*, for the said *Sir John Eyles* and his List, or that he ever said

said that there was a Sum of Money deposited in his Hands, or did ever receive any Money for that Purpose. And this Deponent also saith, That he never had any Conversation with Sir *John Eyles* about the late Election for the City of *London*, and that he never offer'd or gave any Sum of Money to any Person or Persons whatsoever to influence such Persons or their Friends to poll at the late Election.

Jur' 6 die Nov' 1727,
coram W. Billers.

THO. ROBE.

From the *Daily Journal*, Nov. 7.

Lond. ff. **T** *HOMAS POMFRET*, and
GEORGE POMFRET, both
of *London*, Merchants, make Oath, that they were
in Company with *Thomas Robe*, Esq; *Thomas*
Minet, *John Mannowry*, and *John Tayler*, on the
20th Day of *October* last, at the House of the
said *Tayler*, and do verily believe the Contents
of Mr. *Robe's* Deposition above-mention'd to be
true, they or one of them having been present
during the whole Time of Mr. *Robe's* being in the
said Company on the said 20th Day of *October*, at
the House aforesaid.

Jur' 6 die Nov' 1727.
coram W. Billers.

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N. B. The above-mention'd Mr. *Minet* is now in
the Country, which is the only Reason why his At-
testation is not join'd with that of Mr. *Thomas*
and Mr. *George Pomfret*.

London

From the *Daily Journal*, Nov. 8.

London ff. **THOMAS MINET**, of *Tower-street, London*, Merchant; maketh Oath, That on *Friday* the 20th Day of *October* last, he the said Deponent came in Company with *John Mannowry* from the *Royal Exchange*, to the said *Mannowry's* House, where he found *Justice Robe* waiting; that at the earnest Request of this Deponent and *Mannowry*, Mr. *Robe* was prevailed on to accompany them to one Mr. *Tayler's*, a Victualler in the *Tower*, in order to drink a Glas of *Burgundy*; that during the said Deponent's Stay at *Tayler's*, which was the full Time that Mr. *Robe* stay'd there, and for the whole Space of which Time this Deponent and *Tayler* were not asunder, he this Deponent never heard Mr. *Robe* say one Word of his being employ'd by Sir *John Eyles*, or any of his Friends, to disperse Money any where for the Purchase of Votes for Sir *John Eyles*, or the Gentlemen engaged with him, Or that he, Mr. *Robe*, had any Sum of Money deposited in his Hands for that Purpose. This Deponent further addeth, That Mr. *Robe* never spoke of any Encouragement that he expected from the Treasury, upon the Account of his Services in the City, or any other Election,

Jur' Septimo die Nov.

Anno 1727. coram

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THOMAS MINET;

From the *Post-Man*, Nov. 9.

Clerkenwell, Nov. 8. 1727,

TH O' I am perswaded that the villainous Attempt made on my Character, by two Affidavits publish'd in the *Daily Journal* of November 6.

(to serve, without doubt, the sinister Ends of a particular Party) has been sufficiently exposed by the contrary Depositions of Gentlemen of unquestion'd Reputation in the City, who were present in Company, when the Words sworn against me were pretended to be heard; Yet, I think it a Justice due as well to myself, as to the worthy Gentlemen intended to be prejudic'd thro' the Calumny forg'd against me, to set the Manner and Occasion of my being in the Company mention'd in the Affidavit, on *Friday* the 20th of *October* last, at *Tayler's* House, and the Course of our Conversation with Respect to the Affairs charged upon me, during my being there, in such a particular, clear and ample Light, as I shall dare to challenge even those my profess'd Enemies, let them have never so much wicked Obstinacy, to contradict me.

On *Friday* the 20th of *October* last, as *Mannowry* maketh Oath, I confess I was waiting at his House in *Magpye Alley*, in order to taste some Wines, when Mr. *Minet* and he came in; but when upon his coming in I desir'd to taste some *Burgundy* which he had in his Hand, he declar'd I should not, unless I would go along with him and Mr. *Minet* to his Friend's (*Tayler's*) and drink it there. I went out of the House with them, but in *Crutched-Fryers* (in our Way thither) recollecting I had some material Business elsewhere, I desir'd to be excus'd accompanying them any farther; when both *Mannowry* and Mr. *Minet* took hold of me, and insisted upon my going with them; upon so strong a Sollicitation I comply'd, and went to *Tayler's* a Victualler in the *Tower*, where I found Mr. *Thomas Pomfret* waiting. Our Discourse at first was altogether distant from any Thing contain'd

contain'd in *Mannowry's* or *Tayler's* Depositions. A small Time after we had been there, Mr. *George Pomfret* and *Tayler* came in to us, and Supper (which was a couple of Fowls) was brought upon the Table ; at this I made another Motion to go, but *Tayler* and every one else (except Mr. *George Pomfret*, whom I had but a slight Acquaintance with) strenuously press'd me to stay ; *Tayler* in particular, giving me several (and as they then appear'd to me) hearty Welcomes. When Supper was over, a Bowl of Arrack Punch, and the *Burgundy* above-mentioned, were brought upon the Table, when a Discourse about Elections in general arose. After some little Talk upon that Subject, one of the Deponents against me, told me, that he had heard I had concern'd myself pretty much that Way in the Country, and especially in *Kent* ; to which I reply'd, that I had voluntarily been down in that Country, and at *Queenborough* in particular, in behalf of some very good Friends of mine ; but that finding Mr. *Crowley* had left the Town a Day before, with Overtures behind him, too advantageous for me to overcome, without some Difficulty, I had no Opportunity of making any Proposals, but to the Women, their Husbands being all drunk, and, as I was inform'd, having Commission to continue so three Days longer. I did, indeed, laughingly own, that to them (the Women) I had promised the Payment of all the Town's Debts (which I was told amounted to upwards of two thousand Pounds, and which Promise, I hope will not be construed as Bribery) if they could engage their Husbands, when they had recovered their Senses to give their Interest to my Friends. This I declare to be the whole Substance of the Conversation that then passed about the Elections in *Kent*. After this was over,

over, the Company fell upon the Subject of the City Election, when these Deponents (*Tayler* himself expressly acknowledges it) complained that Mr. Alderman *Parsons*, and his Friends, had not had Justice done them; upon which, I said, I did not believe there was any Reason for that Complaint; and added, with some Zeal on the Subject, that I myself had made a pretty large Interest for Sir *John Eyles*, and in Conjunction with another Gentleman in the Commission of Peace, headed a Party of near an Hundred for Sir *John Eyles*, and the Gentlemen engaged with him: I likewise said (without being ask'd) that I was informed, there was a Man, who declared upon the *Hustings*, that I had offered him Five Guineas to Vote for Sir *John Eyles*, and his List, and that it was a notorious Falshood, and he was a Villain and a Scoundrel for saying so. Every Thing else in their Depositions, said to be spoken by me, with respect to the City Election, I do again most solemnly declare to be absolutely false and groundless; and presume, that the Testimony of the two Mr. *Pemfrets*, and that of Mr. *Minet*, will support my Credit in this Declaration. If *Mannowry*, by the great Encouragement which he deposes I said, that I expected from the L——ds of the Tr——ry, means the Lords of the Treasury, I will even venture to appeal to his Fellow Deponent *Tayler*, who, I think, has had the Modesty to omit that Article in his Affidavit, whether the Occasion of my mentioning the Treasury, did not arise from my hinting at some clandestine Trade which I had heard they had formerly been concern'd in, (of the Truth of which they are the best Judges themselves) and whether thereupon I did not produce a Manuscript, containing a Proposal for preventing

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venting collusive Seizures and the Running of Goods, which, I said smilingly, had done their Business; and whether, (as there had been an Act of Parliament to the same End) I did not declare that I was soliciting, and expected a Favour from the Treasury, as presuming myself the first Proposer of the same. This I protest was the only Occasion of my mentioning the Treasury in this Conversation; and this I believe is the last Discourse which passed whilst I was there; the Company, as Mr. *Pomfret* since informed me, staying half an Hour after me.

Thus have I recited at large every Part of that Conversation, which has been wickedly made use of to represent me in Colours as black as they are ridiculous; and I flatter myself, that every Person who will give himself leave to make a serious Enquiry into the several Circumstances of the Affair in Question, will be so far a Friend to Truth and common Justice, as not to let the bare Effects of Party Zeal sway him to any Opinion prejudicial to the Character of a private Person, who has always made it his Principle of thinking, that a fair and just Conduct in Life, is the truest and happiest Support.

THOMAS ROBE.

P. S. To the Substance of this I am ready to make Affidavit whenever called upon; as I question not but that the two Mr. *Pomfrets*, and Mr. *Minet*, if called upon, will do the same.

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From the *Post-Boy*, Nov. 9.

JOHAN MANNOWRY of *Fenchurch-street*, London, maketh Oath, that he, with *John Taylor* of the *Tower of London*, Victualler, did go to Mr. *Pomphret's* House in *Crutchet-Fryars*, Wine-Merchant, on the 4th Day of *November* last, where he, this Deponent, found the said *Thomas Pomphret* and Mr. *George Pomphret* in the Vaults of the said *Thomas Pomphret's* House; at which time this Deponent was tasting some *Sherry*, that this Deponent had Occasion to buy; of which this Deponent had already spoke to the above-named *Thomas Pomphret*, when the above-named *Taylor*, in this Deponent's hearing, asked *George Pomphret*, (who was bottling off some *Wine* or other *Liquor*) if he remembred what that *Rattling Justice Robe* had said the Night we were together at the said *Taylor's* House, or whether he remembred whether it was one hundred or two hundred Pounds that Mr. *Justice Robe* had said to have received from Sir *John Eyles*, or by his Direction, to buy up Votes. He said, he did not remember; whereupon the said *Taylor* asked Mr. *Thomas Pomphret* if he the said *Pomphret* did remember any thing of the Words or Sum of Money, said to be given exactly? he the said *Thomas Pomphret* answered, there had been something of that kind said, but the said Mr. *Justice Robe* had rattled out such a heap of Stuff that Night (as he always does in Company) (as the said *Thomas Pomphret* expressed himself) that he the said *Thomas Pomphret* was ashamed of him, and did not care to charge his Memory with any part of it. This Deponent farther saith, that he this Deponent and Mr. *Thomas Pomphret* did come together

together from the Tower as far as the said *Thomas Pomphret's* House, during which time most of their Discourse was about what Mr. Justice *Robe* had related; amongst which Discourse he the said *Pomphret* said, the said Justice *Robe* was an unfit Person to be trusted with a Secret, for he the said *Pomphret* believed that the said *Robe* would disclose it in all Company. And this Deponent further maketh Oath, that on the 6th Day of *November* last, when this Deponent came from the Custom-house at one o' Clock, he this Deponent found Justice *Robe* waiting at this Deponent's House; and as this Deponent enter'd the Door, he, this Deponent, heard some Discourse passing between the said *Robe* and Mrs. *Eleanor Pindar*; and when this Deponent enter'd the Parlour where the said *Robe* sat, the said *Robe* told this Deponent he this Deponent had ruined him the said *Robe* by printing the Advertisement above-mention'd, to which this Deponent answer'd, 'twas his own Fault. The said Mr. Justice *Robe* wept, and said, that this Deponent had ruined him, and called *Taylor* a damn'd Rogue, and said he did not imagine to have found him, this Deponent's Name, in the Papers against him the said *Robe*. This Deponent thereupon told the said Mr. *Robe* as before, 'twas his own Fault. This Deponent further maketh Oath, that the said *Robe* owned, and said he would acknowledge the whole that he this Deponent had said in this Deponent's former Affidavit relating to the Election of *Queenborough*, but said, he would positively deny to have known Sir *John Eyles*, or that he had ever been employ'd by him the said Sir *John Eyles*; but at the said time he the said *Robe* did own and acknowledge he headed up above One hundred Pollers, and afterwards said, he the said *Robe* and Justice *Cotesworth* had headed up above a hundred

hundred Pollers : Whereupon this Deponent reply'd, that he said *Robe* did not mention Justice *Cotesworth* the Night before at *Taylor's* when the said *Robe* and this Deponent was together, or else he this Deponent would have named the said *Cotesworth* in the Advertisement : Then the said *Robe* said, he wish'd Mr. *Thomas Minnet* had been in Town, he was sure the said *Minnet* would be a good Evidencē for him the said *Robe* : Thereupon this Deponent told the said *Robe* what this Deponent had made Affidavit of was true : Then the said Mr. Justice *Robe* burst out in Tears again; and how he the said *Robe* should get off from it he could not tell, for that the New Commissions for the Peace were soon to pass the Seals, and he the said *Robe* should be certainly struck out; and that he said *Robe* was actually soliciting the Lords of the Treasury for a Place or a Gratuity ; and he could not tell how to look those Honourable Gentlemen in the Face. Whereupon this Deponent asked the said Mr. Justice *Robe* how he came to be so foolish to talk of all those things, he the said *Robe* answer'd, he did not think it would have gone any further. This Deponent further maketh Oath, that the said *Robe* did deny to have bribed any Person in the *Fleet Prison*, but said that he would make the Person that had been bribed at the *Fleet Prison* come and prove who it was that had bribed 'em ; and the said *Robe* did at the same time confess that he the said *Robe* had been at the said Prison but said it was about a Man who had worked for him the said *Robe* as a Bricklayer, and that he the said *Robe* did not proceed any further in that Affair because Mr. *Isaac Dawes* of *Fleet Ditch* came into the Room where the said *Robe* and this Deponent was. Mr. *Robe* then said, he the said *Robe* hoped Sir *John Eyles*

Eyles would make an Affidavit to clear himself and the said Justice *Robe*, for which he the said *Robe* said he was going to Sir *John Eyles* on purpose to prevail with him.

Jur' 8. die Nov. 1727. JOHN MANNOWRY.
Coram me Fran. Child.

N. B. Mr. *John Mannowry* designs to answer Mr. *Thomas Minnet's* Advertisement of Yesterday's Date, in the next Papers; and tho' it hath been industriously spread abroad that the said *John Mannowry* is an *Irishman*, a Papist, or a Priest, he defies any one in the World to prove he is either.

From the *Post-Boy*, Nov. 9.

ANNE MANNOWRY, ELIANOR PINDAR,
 and SARAH MANNOWRY of *Fenchurch-Street, London*, severally maketh Oath, That Mr. Justice *Robe* of *Clerkenwell* did, two or three Days before the 20th of *October* last, call at the House of Capt. *John Mannowry*, and say he had then got four Pollers for Sir *John Eyles* and his List; and that he the said Justice *Robe* was just come from Dinner with the said Sir *John Eyles*, and was going to carry him the said Sir *John Eyles* the above-said four Persons. The next Time these Deponents saw the said *Robe*, was at the same House on the 20th of *October* last about Five o' Clock in the Evening, when he the said *Robe* did say again, without being asked, that he had dined with Sir *John Eyles* as before mention'd, and had carry'd him the said four Votes as before, and said they were polled accordingly. Soon after, he the said *Robe* was for going away, *Elianor Pindar*, above-mention'd

mention'd, one of these Deponents, asked him the said *Robe* if he would not stay and drink Tea; he the said *Robe* answer'd, he was going to meet Sir *John Eyles*, and if he the said *Robe* said he should miss of Sir *John Eyles*; nevertheless, he said *Robe* did stay, till Mr. *Michael Bird* of *Wapping*, Sail-maker, came in, who scolded with him the said *Robe*, because he the said *Robe* had pleaded the Statute of *Limitation* against a Bill in *Chancery*, that the said Mr. *Bird* had filed against him the said *Robe*. Whereupon the said *Robe*, desired the said *Bird*, not to mention it before the Ladies. (As he the said *Robe* express'd himself.) But Mr. *Bird* immediately reply'd, Ladies, Is not this fine Justice, to plead the Act of *Limitation* against his just Debts? Mr. *Robe*, to divert that Discourse, began to rail against Alderman *Parsons* in an ungentleman-like Manner, till *Anne Mannowry*, one of these Deponents, desired the said *Robe* to forbear such Language, or quit the House; but the said *Robe* remained there till her Husband, *John Mannowry*, came home from the *Exchange* with Mr. *Thomas Minet*, who did not stay above two or three Minutes in the House before Mr. *Robe*, and the rest of the Gentlemen went out together. These Deponents further make Oath, That while the Gentlemen were in the House they did not hear the said *Robe* invited to Supper with them at Mr. *Taylor's*, where the said Gentlemen were going; but the said *Robe*, would have tasted the Bottle of *Burgundy*, carried by Mr. *Mannowry* out of the House; but the said *Mannowry* refused, and said, it should not be tasted till after Supper.

Jurat 8. die Nov.
1727. Coram me
Fran. Child.

Anne Mannowry,
Elleanor Pindar,
Sarah Mannowry.

From the *Daily Journal*, Nov. 10.

London ff. **THOMAS ROBE**, of *Clerkenwell*, Esq; maketh Oath, That upon reading the Depositions of *Mannowry* and *Tayler*, in the *Daily Journal* of November 6, he this Deponent, fired with the utmost Resentment at the Scandal and Falsity contained in them, went immediately to *Mannowry's* House, (who came home a little while after this Deponent had been there) to ask him, what could induce him to treat this Deponent in so shameful and villainous a Manner as he had done; adding, that it could be nothing but a malicious Intention to effect his (this Deponent's) utter Ruin. This Deponent likewise saith, That *Mannowry* upon this, trembling, with all the Agonies of Shame and Remorse, replied, that he was heartily sorry for it, and wished it could be undone, and that he was prevailed on by *Tayler*, on Friday Nov. 3, to do it, but at that Time did not in the least apprehend that it would be printed. This Deponent further addeth, That he then asked *Mannowry*, what could be the Motive of *Tayler's* being so strenuous in promoting so dishonest an Affair? to which *Mannowry* made Answer, That he believed *Tayler* had promised Mr. Alderman *Parsons*, and the Gentlemen in his List, more Votes than he could make good, and, that, as Mr. *Thomas Minet's* was one that he expected, he (*Mannowry*) did not know, but that *Tayler's* believing that this Deponent had gain'd Mr. *Minet* to poll on the other Side, might be the Occasion of his (*Tayler's*) doing what he did, in order to support his Credit with Mr. Alderman *Parsons*, and the Gentlemen engaged with him, or in Words to that Effect.

Jur' 9 die Nov.

1727. Coram
me R. Hopkins.

THO. ROBE.

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N. B. As I am persuaded, that what has already been publish'd on Oath by Mr. *Thomas Pomfret*, Mr. *George Pomfret*, and Mr. *Thomas Minet*, as well as myself, is sufficient to vindicate my Character in this base Attack, I hope the *Affidavit Ladies*, who appear'd in the *Post-Boy* of this Day, will have the Goodness to excuse me, if I do not think it much to the Purpose, to take any Notice, at this Time, of the Contents of their Depositions.

THOMAS ROBE.

From the *Daily Journal*, Nov. 10.

JOHN RAND, Servant to Mr. *John Tayler*, of the *Tower of London*, Victualler, maketh Oath, That on the Eighth Day of *November* last, he, this Deponent, observing the Affidavit of Mr. *Thomas Minet* lying on the Table, and his, this Deponent's Master's Name therein, he this Deponent came voluntarily to his said Master, and assured him, he believed he was therein wrong'd, for that this Deponent doth well remember, that on the 20th of *October* last, in the Evening, several Gentlemen were at this Deponent's Master's House, who, at that Time was not at Home, but the said Gentlemen were shew'd up into the Dining-Room, where Mr. *Pomfret* was sitting: That at Supper this Deponent attended the Company; and further saith, That a Gentleman in Black (by the Company called Mr. *Robe*) sat next to this Deponent's Master, and did refuse, for some Time, to eat, his, the said Mr. *Robe's* Time being mostly taken up with talking of great Men and Elections, amongst which, the said

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Robe often mentioned the Lord Mayor and his Election. Supper being ended, Mr. *Thomas Minet* called to him, this Deponent, to bring a Candle, and shew another Room, into which, he, this Deponent lighted the said Mr. *Minet* and Mr. *Pomfret*, who called for Pen, Ink, and Paper, which, he this Deponent accordingly brought: Whereupon the said Mr. *Minet*, bid this Deponent go into the Dining-Room, and call his Master; when this Deponent returned into the Dining-Room, he this Deponent, found the said Mr. *Robe* in Dispute with his, this Deponent's said Master. And this Deponent further saith, After some Time, his said Master went into the Room where Mr. *Minet* and Mr. *Pomfret* were writing, and stayed there some Time; during which, some high Words passed in the said Company, when this Deponent particularly heard his said Master say, he had not had Justice done him, and thereupon left the said *Minet* and *Pomfret*, and came into the Dining-Room to Mr. *Robe*, and the other Company; and that during the Time the said Company stay'd, this Deponent's Master, Mr. *Taylor*, was backwards and forwards, out of the Room, above and below Stairs.

Jur' 9 die Novem-
bris, Coram me
Fran. Child.

JOHN RAND.

I Had done myself the Justice of printing long before this Time the following Account, how I came to be concern'd in pleading the Statute of Limitation against a Bill in Chancery, which Mr. Michael Bird, a Sail-maker in Wapping, had filed against

against me, (an *Affair*, which has been insinuated very much to my Discredit) had not Mr. George Brough of Friday-street, prevented me, by giving me daily hopes, ever since the first Attack upon me on that Subject, That he himself would publickly vindicate me in that Respect, by drawing up, and signing a Declaration to the Purport of the underwritten: But as he has at last thought proper to disappoint me, writing to me for an Excuse, that his Friends had dissuaded him from doing it, by telling him there would be no End of engaging in a Paper War; I must desire the Reader to take my own Recital of the *Affair*, and leave him to judge, Whether 'tis probable, that I should have the Imprudence to assert any Thing false in it, when I must know, that so many Persons have it in their Power to disprove and expose me, if I did so.

IN the Year 1718, one Mr. John Lambert, late of Cornhill. Glover; applied to Mr. George Brough, myself, and several other Persons, to be concern'd with him in a Ship, call'd, *The Newcastle*; his Proposal was accepted, upon these Conditions; That he (*Lambert*) shou'd direct, bespeak, buy, and do every Thing necessary for the fitting out of the said Ship, upon his own Credit, without the Owners having any Trouble about it; and when that was done, Mr. Lambert was to bring in his Account, and the Tradesmens Bills, and then to receive of the several Owners their respective Proportions: Which Account he accordingly brought in, and as he inform'd me, when he spoke to me about my Part, was paid by every Owner, except myself. Not having just at that Time Cash

enough by me to answer mine, I desir'd he wou'd let me have as many of the Tradesmens Bills as wou'd come to my Proportion, and I wou'd discharge them; accordingly he gave me Bills, amounting to several hundred Pounds, and somewhat exceeding what my Share really came to. I took Care to pay all those Bills in a few Days, leaving only so much of one of them unsatisfied, as was above what was demanded of me by the Account deliver'd to me by Mr. *Lambert*, as my Proportion. Mr. *Michael Bird* being one of the Persons with whom Mr. *Lambert* had dealt for Sails for the said Ship, accepted his Note in payment of his Bill; but after *Lambert's* becoming a Bankrupt, and six Years being expired without any Action being entred against the Owners, he at last commenced a Suit: Upon which, knowing it to be an unjust Demand, Mr. *Brough*, who was trusted with the whole Management of our Defence, was advised by his Council, (as the shortest Way for us) to plead the *Statute of Limitation*.

THOMAS ROBE.

“ HAVING thus given the Reader a full View of
 “ the whole Contents of my Enemies Accusa-
 “ tion, and my own Defence, I persuade myself,
 “ that he cannot help observing, how great a Part
 “ of the Affidavits made against me is taken up in
 “ Matters foreign to the main Charge they en-
 “ deavour to lay upon me, and that even those
 “ of Mr. *Mannowry* and *Tayler*, my two principal
 “ Antagonists, have not had the good Fortune to
 “ tally so very well one with another, as might be
 “ expected from two People who swear to Words
 “ which

“ which they pretend to have heard spoken by a
 “ third Person, at one Time, and in one Conver-
 “ sation, where they were both present all the
 “ While. I believe, it will likewise be discern-
 “ able, that, as well as a palpable Disagreement in
 “ their own Testimonies, there is, accordingly to
 “ the Ability of them, (or their *Instructors*) a ma-
 “ licious Tum aim'd at in every Expression, very
 “ unsuitable to the Solemnity of Declarations upon
 “ Oath.

“ The *Women*, whom Mr. *Mannowry* has thought
 “ proper to mount upon the Stage against me, have
 “ distinguish'd themselves as very tractable Instru-
 “ ments for this last Purpose. The Substance of their
 “ Depositions, it is evident to every one, does not
 “ in the least contribute to support the Validity of
 “ the first Charge against me, but is plainly calcu-
 “ lated for no other End, than to prejudice me in
 “ my private Character and Circumstances. How-
 “ ever *They*, or their near *Relation*, and *Employer*,
 “ Mr. *Mannowry*, may have endeavour'd to blacken
 “ my Reputation, I shall be very far (tho' I may
 “ have it in my Power) from recriminating upon
 “ any of them, or saying any thing wide of the pre-
 “ sent Dispute, as they have done, with respect to
 “ my pleading the Statute of Limitation; which
 “ Affair, I think, I have fully justified myself in;
 “ by the foregoing Declaration. And as I have
 “ more Generosity and Humanity, than to at-
 “ tempt the Ruin of my greatest and most pro-
 “ fess Enemies, so, I believe, that all my Acquaint-
 “ ance will do me the Justice to allow, that I
 “ have ever behav'd myself in a Manner more be-
 “ coming a Gentleman, than be suspected of treat-
 “ ing Mr. Alderman *Parsons*, or any other Gentle-
 “ man,

" man, with such undecent Language, as I am re-
 " presented to have done.

" Thus much I have thought fit to say in my
 " own Vindication, and I am confident, that the
 " Malice of my Enemies is now set in so clear
 " a Light, that whatever they may say or swear
 " for the future, will have little or no Weight
 " with the unprejudic'd or thinking Part of Man-
 " kind, and lay me under no manner of Necessi-
 " tity of giving either myself or the Publick, the
 " Trouble of any further Notice of them.

Clerkenwell,
 Nov. 25,
 1727.

THOMAS ROBE.

" P. S. I must freely own, That there has some-
 " thing happen'd between myself and Mr. Man-
 " nowry, since this Attack was begun upon me;
 " but by the Sequel of it, it is in my Opinion,
 " of so minute and insignificant a Nature, and
 " so foreign, with respect to proving the Truth
 " or Falsity of the foregoing *Depositions*, that as
 " it took up but little of my Thoughts, both
 " then and since, I think it intirely superfluous
 " and unnecessary, to give it any Place *here*.

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